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Application of

Applicants : Howard E. Rhodes, Luan Tran
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF
COINVENTOR HOWARD E. RHODES

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I, Howard E. Rhodes, declare and state as follows that:

1. I am a named coinventor of the above-identified patent application. I previously made a statement in support of a Petition to Correct Inventorship to name Luan Tran as a coinventor in parent patent application Serial No. 08/475,454, filed June 5, 1995, which application was abandoned in favor of this continuing patent application. I am making this statement to clarify the facts and circumstances which I related in my previous statement.

2. Luan Tran and I are both employed by Micron Technology, Inc., the assignee of this patent application. At the time the invention was made at Micron, Mr. Tran and I were working on different projects both of which involved the formation of reliable contacts to thin conductive layers in semiconductor devices. At the time I submitted an invention disclosure document for the invention, I was not aware that Mr. Tran had also been working on similar structures and processes.

3. During an internal review at Micron by the Patent Committee it came to light that Mr. Tran and I had been working toward the

same solution to the problem which we both faced. It was determined that Mr. Tran had invented a related structure and process which was another embodiment of the same invention, and I became aware of his contributions. The embodiment of the invention illustrated in Figs. 8-10, with accompanying description in the specification, is Mr. Tran's contribution which was added to the patent application during its preparation.

4. Due to a clerical error, the outside attorney drafting the patent application was not informed of Mr. Tran's contribution to the subject matter which is disclosed and claimed in that application until after the application was filed. It was an inadvertent oversight on my part not to correct the Declaration submitted to me for signature to include Mr. Tran as a coinventor at that time. There was no deceptive intent on my part.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and any patent issued thereon.

Date: 3/17/97


Howard E. Rhodes